

Vista Highlands Sewer Project Gets Under Way at Cost of \$170,510

Work on the first of four authorized WPA projects providing sanitary sewer facilities in Los Angeles county began in Torrance this week.

This unit, representing trunk line and house connecting sewers in the Vista Highlands tract, will be installed at an expenditure of \$170,510, of which \$164,968 is the Federal contribution. The city of Torrance and County Sanitation District No. 5 is to supply the remaining \$5,542 as sponsors of the project.

Trunk line sewers will be installed to augment existing facilities now serving this area, while lateral and house connecting sewers will serve the Vista Highlands district which is now being served by cesspools. These, due to ground water conditions, are said to function improperly and create a menace to public health.

The Torrance project will employ approximately 268 men for a period of eight months, according to Herbert C. Legg, WPA administrator for Southern California.

City Speeds Purchase of Cabrillo Av. Center Strip by Condemnation Suit

Hoping to complete the proceedings within the next three months and finally take possession of the center-strip for the long-proposed paving of Cabrillo avenue curb-to-curb, the city council Tuesday night unanimously authorized City Attorney John E. McCall to institute a friendly condemnation suit

against the Pacific Electric Railway to obtain ownership of the railway's Cabrillo right-of-way from Torrance boulevard to Plaza del Amo.

McCall was ordered to start the suit, which, it is understood, will not be contested by the P. E. immediately after Mayor Tom F. McGuire and P. E. officials sign the agreement for the purchase of the right-of-way which was approved by the council Tuesday night. Both the Mayor and Councilman James E. Hitchcock, the latter having been instrumental in pushing the proceedings to their present advanced status after several years of intermittent negotiations, expressed belief that the "city got a pretty good bargain for the center strip."

According to agreement, the P. E. will accept \$8,055 for the property in the condemnation suit and the city will be required to pay \$2,250 more for the removal of all track, wires and equipment from the right-of-way. The P. E. will route its line over the Border avenue tracks after consummation of the negotiations.

Association Backs Plan
Mayor McGuire, in an explanatory statement to the audience

at the council session, said that the city has agreed to buy the right-of-way at a cost of the balance due on P. E. bonds whose surety is the Cabrillo property. The city will receive the equipment and load it on P. E. cars under supervision of the railway company and will receive half of the cross ties under the tracks. The city's cash contribution will be paid out of gasoline tax revenues, it is planned.

Last Friday, members of the City-Wide Improvement Association headed by Robert J. Deinger conferred informally with the city council, at which time the Improvement Association members went on record as supporting the proposed plan 100 percent. Deinger pointed out that the present P. E. price was "quite a come down from the \$38,000 originally asked," and that he felt the time had come to go thru with the deal.

Supplementing Deinger's remarks, Chas. E. Conner stated that he had confidence in the ability of the city council to drive a good bargain and that

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Want Ad Rhymes Contest Winners

Alice Lamoreaux, 25219 Oak street, Lomita, was unanimously chosen first prize winner in the Want Ad Rhymes Contest this week. Miss Lamoreaux should call at our Torrance office for the first prize of \$1.

The Ad: "SELECTED FRYERS 'Poultry Never Touches Ground' etc."

TRUNNELL'S Poultry Ranch, Open 7 a. m. to 10 p. m. 7 Days 25,322 Oak St., Lomita 25

The Winning Rhyme: "Fryers are tastier in the pan—When they never touch the sand So, why pay more when you can pay less At Trunnell's, and still get as good as the best."

Second Prize Winner Mrs. Floyd Beaudry, 2100 Lomita Blvd., Lomita, will kindly call at our Torrance office for two tickets to the Lomita theatre.

The Ad: GRAND BEAUTY SALON 1521 CRENSHAW, TORRANCE 1065 Genuine Hair Oil Permanent including shampoo, etc.

The Winning Rhyme: "If you wish to retain your beauty, Go to Grand Beauty Salon—'tis your duty!"

Get shampoo, wave and permanent, too. You'll be surprised what they can do for you.

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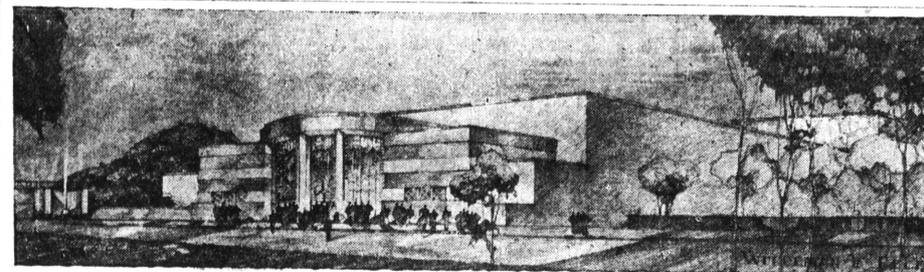
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SECOND OUSTER ATTEMPT FAILS



REDONDO'S NEW AUDITORIUM . . . Here is the architect's sketch of the proposed \$190,000 civic auditorium which will be erected at the north edge of Redondo Beach's city park along the ocean. Funds for construction of this building and another civic center in North Redondo Beach

came from a civic improvement bond issue approved by the voters in September, 1938. Fifty percent of the cost will be borne by the W.P.A. Actual construction is expected to start as soon as final plans have been approved by the W.P.A.

3-2 VOTE BLOCKS POWELL AGAIN IN JUDGE DISMISSAL

A second attempt by Councilman George V. Powell to oust City Judge Robert Lessing because of alleged "irregularities in the police and judge's department . . . shortages of about \$1,239 which had been made up later" failed again Tuesday night by a three-to-two vote. Powell's

motion that Lessing be dismissed was seconded by Councilman John V. Murray but Mayor Tom F. McGuire and Councilman James E. Hitchcock and Vern Babcock continued to vote against it.

The reason why the three councilmen turned down Powell's ouster revival (he attempted it first May 14) was the same: they may make individual statements afterwards: Let the grand jury complete the investigation of the police judge's and police chief's accounts as requested by Powell and then we'll take the jury's word for whatever developments.

According to information available here and in Los Angeles, the grand jury is expected to complete its survey this week of the Torrance city auditor's regular and a special audit covering the period of the alleged discrepancy in handling city funds. A decision from the inquisitorial body is expected next week. The jury was in session Wednesday.

Murray Waxing Sarcastic
Every seat in the council chamber was occupied Tuesday night by interested residents, including a large delegation from Wateria, who have been flocking to municipal board sessions ever since the April 9 city election. There was one round of applause during the session. This came following a sarcastic comment by Councilman Murray after the Lessing ouster move was defeated.

"We have the facts," he began, "about discrepancies in the accounts. Now how much shall we allow officials to take and how long shall we allow them to keep it? I just want to know for the future. The finger of scorn has been pointed at us (referring to Powell and himself), calling our interest 'political.' We don't mind this. But I think we should put up a list of what shall be taken and for how long—or shall it be catch-as-catch-can?"

"Are you finished with my speech, Mr. Murray?" Mayor McGuire asked.

Powell Reads Law
No mention was made during the session of the action rescinding the ouster of Police Chief Stroh at an adjourned meeting last Thursday. Nor did Chief Stroh submit his resignation. However, it is reported that an agreement has been reached, whereby Chief Stroh is to resign after June 1.

Powell resumed his efforts to dismiss Judge Lessing by reading extracts of what he said were the general laws of California pertaining to sixth class cities. These, according to the councilman, outlined the duties of a police chief regarding the deposit of city monies collected by him immediately with the city

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MAYOR CITES FOUR CIVIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Pointing out that the city council has done much more in recent weeks than wrangle over dismissals of two public officials, Mayor Tom F. McGuire Tuesday night called attention to four outstanding accomplishments. These were:

- (1) Start of construction of a sewer system in Vista Highlands. (See story elsewhere on this page.)
- (2) That Metropolitan Water District directors indicate "almost unanimously" that M. W. D. water will be piped from 190th across Crenshaw down to 268th street—"thus saving the city about \$75,000," which would have been expended in bringing Colorado River water to Torrance mains next year.
- (3) The agreement with the P. E. for the purchase of the Cabrillo avenue right-of-way following a friendly condemnation suit. "We've been working for that for years but this council cannot take full credit for its accomplishment—that goes to many interested residents and the City-Wide Improvement Association."
- (4) Adoption of the land-use zoning ordinance, whose contents were drafted with the "aid of representatives from every section of the city and meets their approval."

"These are not achievements of a few weeks or months but they represent the work of many for years," Mayor McGuire said. "This council does not take credit for these works but we have helped and intend to continue helping make our city a finer place in which to live."

P. E. SHOPS RUSH NEW EQUIPMENT

Test Mobilization Call Anticipated Early Next Week

Orders have been received by all California American Legion Posts that a test mobilization will be called sometime between June 3 and June 5. Pat Boyle has been appointed chairman in charge of the local disaster relief preparedness move and it will be his duty to assume charge when the mobilization order is given over a state-wide broadcast.

The call, it is understood, will come about 6 p. m., and all members of the Legion, Auxiliary, Boy Scouts, members of fraternal or church organizations who can give aid in time of disaster, civilians, nurses, physicians and persons trained in first aid and others, including police and firemen not on duty are expected to respond to the call by appearing at the Legion hall on Carson.

The purpose of the test is to demonstrate what local aid would be immediately available in case of a major disaster. Earthquakes, fires, and floods during the past few years have shown the necessity for organized preparedness.

Herald Ads Given Honor Rating By National Publication

Three advertisements published in The Herald during the past year were selected from those printed in more than 7,000 newspapers throughout the United States for "star" rating by the Publishers' Idea Exchange, a national monthly publication. The local advertisements were those of the National Home Appliance Company, Ed Thompson, Chevrolet dealer, and J. Lepkin, merchant tailor.

The advertising copy and manner of display was judged exceptionally high by the Exchange, which commented that the merchandise messages in The Herald contained sound selling ideas and pointed out that Torrance is fortunate in having a group of merchants whose variety of stock, value and freshness of merchandise makes this an unusually attractive sales area.

Recent building permits granted from the city engineer's office here included: Altering a store front at 1328 Sartori by the Bank of America, \$100; to Ralph Hoer for remodeling a residence at 1907 Arlington avenue, \$200; to Charles J. Ellis for a four-room frame house at 23724 Pennsylvania avenue, \$1,400; L. W. Sierbert of Los Angeles for a six-room frame stucco house and two-car garage at 204 Via La Cireula in Hollywood Riviera, \$5,000; Sam Levy for a six-room frame stucco residence and two-car garage at 1528 El Prado, \$5,400, and Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Clayton for a five-room frame residence and two-car garage at 1352 Engracia avenue, \$3,750.

MARCH OF RIMES

UTOPIA — By H. F. NOAKE

Oh would that I could rest awhile on some sequestered, tropic isle, away from tortures man has made, revolving door and razor blade. Some place where I could just relax, unhaunted by the income tax, remote from constant care and woe, divorced from press and radio. To live beneath some sheltering palms, annoyed by no one's call to alms; where just a pair of pants would be sufficient garb to cover me. What joy to sit all day and dream while politicians rant and scream; impervious to wars and hate, unpleasing breath and dental plate. An ocean for my weekly bath, no slippery tub, no grapes of wrath. For food a native bowl of fish instead of some dyspeptic dish; with birds singing all about and not one crooner giving out. Oh would that I might sail away to such a place this very day; but as things stand, I'll catch no boat, the Democrats may need my vote.

800 Men Now Employed at Railway Plant on Rehabilitation Program

Effects of the Pacific Electric Railway Company's extensive rehabilitation program—estimated to cost between \$6,000,000 and \$8,000,000—is being reflected in increased employment at two general shops of the company at Torrance.

Supply Workers Retain Assoc. In NLRB Election

Employees of the National Supply Company re-affirmed their preference for the Employees Association of Workers as bargaining representatives with their employers for the second time Wednesday when the National Labor Relations Board conducted an election upon request of the Oil Workers Union No. 128, a C.I.O. affiliate.

Of the 590 employees eligible to vote, 576 actually voted, 323 casting their ballots for the Employees Association and 237 voting for the Oil Workers Union (C.I.O.), according to Earl Smith, secretary of the employees' association. All employees working on hourly rates who were on the payroll April 29 were permitted to vote.

The employees contract, which expired May 17, was renewed for a 90-day period pending the outcome of the election. Negotiations for a new contract will begin at once, according to Secretary Smith, which will be the fourth contract for which the Employees Association have bargained. An election of officers for the employees association will be conducted next Wednesday, June 5.

The election was conducted by Sumner Marcus and Boyd C. McGuire, representing the National Labor Relations Board; R. J. Ledford and J. C. Coulter, representing the Oil Workers Union; Scott R. Ludlow and John B. Young, as observers for the employers.

Three New Homes Under Construction

New construction in Torrance this month amounted to \$35,120 as compared to \$41,520 for May, 1939. The building total for the first five months this year now stands at \$157,135 as compared to \$362,575 for the same period in 1939.

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Buckled and torn steel from the Exeter, British warship in the River Plate battle, was the first relic in London's Imperial War museum.

Legion Announces Essay Contest On Patriotic Theme

Anticipating many interesting entries, the Torrance American Legion Post announces an essay contest for those who will cast their first ballots for president on the subject of "Why I Am Glad I'm American." The winner will be announced June 14 at the Civic Auditorium during a patriotic program honoring the first voters, according to Edwin A. Bird, who is in charge of the contest.

Essays of not more than 500 words may be left at The Hed office for the Legion's event up to 5 p. m., Friday, June 7. Judges are now being chosen and suitable awards will be secured for presentation during the public demonstration at the Auditorium. Essays should be written on one side of the paper and they will be judged solely on their content and sincerity, Bird said.

All civic organizations have generously endorsed the "first voters' rally" planned by the Legion and an outstanding speaker is being secured. Several features are being planned, including the retirement of the Legion's old colors and dedication of a new flag with a detachment of regular U. S. Marines present to assist in this colorful ceremony.

Open Installation of DeMolay Officers is Set for Saturday Eve

Bob Tolson, master councilor-elect of Torrance chapter, Order of DeMolay, extends a cordial invitation to all residents to attend the installation of officers of the chapter in the Masonic temple Saturday evening, June 1, beginning at 8 o'clock. The ceremonies will be conducted by the installing team from Compton's DeMolay chapter which consists entirely of past master councilors.

Other officers to be seated Saturday night are: Harold Massie, senior councilor; Bob Owens, junior councilor; Hugh Allen, senior deacon; Kenneth Perkin, junior deacon; Dick Miller, junior steward; Al Mason, orator; Dick Beecher, sentinel; Harold Kerber, chaplain; Earl Locke, marshal; Tommy Higgins, standard bearer; Howard Locke, Jr., almoner; Cliff Trezise, Conrad Christensen, O. B. Huber, Armstrong Dowell, Bill Boshe, Fred Lincoln and Cliff Totten, preceptors.

Seventh Arrest Ends in 90-Day Jail Term for Pueblo Resident

When Benny Ordunas, 30, of the Pueblo was haled into the city court Monday morning after being arrested Saturday night for drunk driving and driving without his driver's license—it had been revoked on account of a prior offense—it didn't take Judge Robert Lessing long to sentence him to a straight 90 days in the county jail.

Benny had been arrested six times in the past two years—mostly as result of imbibing strong drink too frequently and too much.

An increase in gasoline sales in California which started more than a year ago continued during April.

Police Will Honor Calder on Eve of His Retirement

In honor of Captain Gerald M. Calder, who is retiring from the police department tomorrow (Saturday) after 14 years' service, members of the force and several invited guests will hold an informal dinner at the police squad room tonight.

Capt. Calder will be presented with a memento to go north shortly to spend several weeks on a ranch with his brother but he will always be a resident of Torrance.

SAVINGS CONTINUED!

One of our oldest electric appliance dealers in Torrance is moving into new and larger quarters and invites you to make a very profitable visit to his two new stores—save as much as 50% on your purchases. Gifts, radios, refrigerators, stoves, are all at attractive prices. See classification—

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